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Kenya Violence Rises Amid Disputed Vote



SEARCH FOR SAFETY: A father leads his children as they flee the violence of post-election riots in Nairobi, Kenya, on Tuesday. At least 70,000 people have been displaced and 275 killed after a disputed vote has Kenya teetering on the edge of chaos. ♣ **Church torched:** 50 killed in mob attack | Page 7

Race Gap Seen in Pain Care

Study: Whites given narcotics more than minorities in ERs

CHICAGO | Emergency room doctors are prescribing strong narcotics more often to patients who complain of pain, but minorities are less likely to get them than whites, a new study finds.
Even for the severe pain of kidney stones, minorities were prescribed narcotics such as oxycodone and morphine less frequently than whites. The analysis of more than 150,000 emergency room visits over 13 years found differences in prescribing by race in both urban

and rural hospitals, in all U.S. regions and for every type of pain.
"The gaps between whites and nonwhites have not appeared to close at all," said study co-author Dr. Mark Pletcher of the University of California, San Francisco.
The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. Prescribing narcotics for pain in emergency rooms rose during the study, from 23 percent of those complaining of pain in 1993 to

37 percent in 2005.
The increase coincided with changing attitudes among doctors who now regard pain management as a key to healing. Doctors in accredited hospitals must ask patients about pain, just as they monitor vital signs.
The study's authors said doctors may be less likely to see signs of painkiller abuse in white patients or be undertreating pain in minority patients. Patient behavior may play a role, Pletcher said. Minorities "may be less likely to keep complaining about their pain or feel they deserve good pain control," he said. (AP)

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Ari Derfel, a 35-year-old Berkeley, Calif., caterer, has saved every piece of trash he's generated over the past year to see how much garbage one person creates. In his case, it was about 96 cubic feet. The experiment began as a way to examine his own consumption habits, Derfel said, but grew into a statement about consumerism. "When we throw something away, what does 'away' mean?" Derfel said. "There's no such thing as 'away.'" The refuse lies in bins in the kitchen and living room of Derfel's apartment. He eventually hopes to donate the trash to a sculptor. (AP)



ANIMALS

Rub-a-Dub-Dub, No Dog in the Tub

A Bremerton, Wash., woman was arrested for investigation of second-degree assault for getting into an argument with her boyfriend over whether his dog should be in the bathroom while the couple were showering together. A police report said the man wanted his dog to join them in the bathroom, but the woman objected. He replied that maybe his next girlfriend would appreciate the dog more, and called her a name. The police report said the woman punched him in the face several times, and the man dislocated his shoulder after the naked couple grappled. (AP)

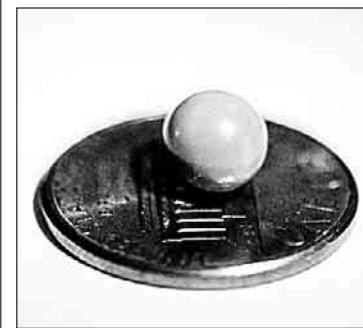


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STUNTS

Xtreme Stupidity

Robbie Maddison broke the world motorcycle-jumping record Monday night, soaring 322 feet, 7 1/2 inches at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Facing a slight headwind, the freestyle star from Australia jumped a second time, but went only 320 feet on that attempt. "I'm just starting to realize what I did," Maddison said. He broke the Guinness World Records-certified mark of 277 feet, 6 inches, set in 2005. (AP)



The guy who found the penny in his shrimp scampi was thrilled, too.

FOOD

Dining Surprise Not A Finger — for Once

A Florida man was about halfway through a plate of steamed clams when he chomped down on a rare, iridescent purple pearl. George Brock's find could be worth thousands. "Few are round and few are a lovely color, so this is rare," said gemologist Antoinette Matlins. The gems occur most frequently in large New England quahogs, clams known for violet coloring on the inside of their shells. (AP)

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STAY OFF: Fire officials say a Cave Creek, Ariz., man who was trying to ride his pet buffalo was mauled by the animal after it bucked him off. The man, 75, was flown to a hospital after the incident and was treated for injuries that weren't life-threatening.

Nation

In Brief



Sara Jane Moore looks out the window of a U.S. marshal's car on Dec. 16, 1975.

SAN FRANCISCO

Woman Who Tried to Shoot President Ford Is Released

Sara Jane Moore started the new year Tuesday a free woman more than three decades after a bizarre assassination attempt on President Ford. Moore, 77, was paroled Monday from a federal penitentiary east of San Francisco, where she had been serving a life sentence. The one-time aspiring film actress was 40 feet away from Ford when she fired a shot at him on Sept. 22, 1975, in San Francisco. (AP)

ATLANTA

Criminal Justice Students To Investigate Levy Death

Criminal justice students at Bauder College are preparing to undertake their own investigation of the 2001 slaying in Washington of Chandra Levy, the Modesto, Calif., resident whose death tainted a congressman's career. The 50 students plan to turn their findings over to Washington police and prosecutors at the end of the term. (AP)

Candidates Hope for Huge Turnout

Contenders encourage their Iowa supporters as decision day nears

DES MOINES, IOWA | Uplifting appeals largely replaced stinging insults Tuesday as Democratic and Republican candidates did the only thing left to do in Iowa races that are too close to call — encourage supporters to vote for them.

"The polls look good, but understand this — the polls are not enough. The only thing that counts is whether or not you show up to caucus," Democrat Barack Obama told a fired-up crowd packed into a high school gymnasium.

Amid murmurs of "Amen!" at a pizza parlor in Sergeant Bluff, Republican Mike Huckabee urged hundreds: "Don't go alone. Take people with you. Fill up your car. Rent a van. Hijack your church's bus, whatever you've got to do to get people to the caucus who are



Residents in Sioux City, Iowa, raise their hands after Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., asked how many people would be caucusing.

going to vote for me."

Candidates made the pitch repeatedly as they canvassed the state for Thursday's caucuses, the first votes of the presidential nom-

inating process. At least 130,000 Democrats and 80,000 Republicans are expected to participate in 1,781 neighborhood meetings at schools, fire stations and community centers

across Iowa on what is forecast to be a clear but cold night.

New polls show both races competitive, the outcomes extraordinarily unpredictable.

Among Democrats, Obama, an Illinois senator, is fighting with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York for the lead as former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina gives them strong chase. Two former governors, Huckabee of Arkansas and Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, are vying for first on the Republican side.

For the most part, candidates spent New Year's Day trying to energize supporters.

In the Des Moines area, Romney combined football and politics at a series of "House Party Huddles."

Clinton campaigned with her 88-year old mother, Dorothy Rodham, and daughter, Chelsea, as she worked to solidify her already strong support among female voters. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

New Orleans Grapples With Killings

Number of homicides continues to rise in Katrina's aftermath

NEW ORLEANS | The bloodiest city in the country in 2006, reeling from crime in its struggle to recover from Hurricane Katrina, got even worse in 2007.

DIRE STATS

→ The FBI's crime rankings for 2007 will not be out until much later in the year, but New Orleans' population is thought to be 295,450, which would mean a rate of about 71 homicides per 100,000 people.

The city of New Orleans registered 209 homicides last year, a nearly 30 percent increase from the 161 recorded during 2006.

Even the most generous population estimate in 2006 put the number of people in the city that year at 255,000. That meant a real homicide rate of 63.5 per 100,000 city residents. To compare that

number with some other notoriously bloody cities, the homicide rate for Gary, Ind., was 48.3 and Detroit's was 47.1.

The killings are drug-related or retaliatory for the most part, police have said. The upswing in violence comes despite continued patrols from the National Guard and state police and the addition of two new classes of police recruits in the past year.

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The number of gay and lesbian couples who entered into civil unions in New Hampshire in the early moments of New Year's Day. The state's civil unions law took effect on Tuesday, making New Hampshire the fourth state to allow civil unions between same-sex couples.

Military Pilots Are Leaving the Skies

Air Force is spending more time controlling unmanned aircraft

WASHINGTON | The military's reliance on unmanned aircraft that can watch, hunt and sometimes kill insurgents has soared to more than 500,000 hours in the air, largely in Iraq, The Associated Press has learned.

And new Defense Department figures obtained by The AP show that the Air Force more than doubled its monthly use of drones between January and October, forcing it to take pilots out of the air and shift them to remote flying duty to meet part of the demand.

The dramatic increase in the development and use of drones across the armed services reflects what will be an even more aggressive effort over the next 25 years, according to the new report.

The jump in Iraq coincided with the buildup of U.S. forces this summer as the military swelled its ranks



In this photo released by the Department of Defense, U.S. Army Pvt. Jeremy W. Reid assembles an RQ-11 Raven unmanned aerial vehicle in Taji, Iraq, in 2006.

to quell the violence in Baghdad. But Pentagon officials said that even as troops begin to slowly come home this year, the use of Predators, Global Hawks, Shadows and Ravens will

not likely slow.

"I think right now the demand for the capability that the unmanned system provides is only increasing," said Army Col. Bob Quackenbush,

deputy director for Army Aviation. "Even as the surge ends, I suspect the deployment of the unmanned systems will not go down, particularly for larger systems."

“Even as the surge ends, I suspect the deployment of the unmanned systems will not go down.”

ARMY COL. BOB QUACKENBUSH

For some Air Force pilots, that means climbing out of the cockpit and heading to places such as Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, where they can remotely fly the unmanned aircraft such as the Predator.

Some National Guard members were also called up to staff the flights, and more will be doing that in the coming months, as the Air Force adds bases where pilots can fly the aircraft. LOLITA C. BALDOR (AP)

FBI Tries to ID Plane Hijacker Who Vanished

PORTLAND, ORE. | The FBI is making a new stab at identifying mysterious skyjacker Dan Cooper, who bailed out of an airliner in 1971 and vanished, releasing new details that it hopes will jog someone's memory.

The man calling himself Dan Cooper boarded a Northwest flight in Portland for a flight to Seattle on the night of Nov. 24, 1971, and then commandeered the plane, claiming he had dynamite.

In Seattle, he demanded and got \$200,000 and four parachutes, and demanded to be flown to Mexico. Somewhere over Washington, he jumped out the plane's tail exit.

On Monday, the FBI released drawings that it said probably are close to what Cooper looked like, along with a map of areas where he might have landed. (AP)



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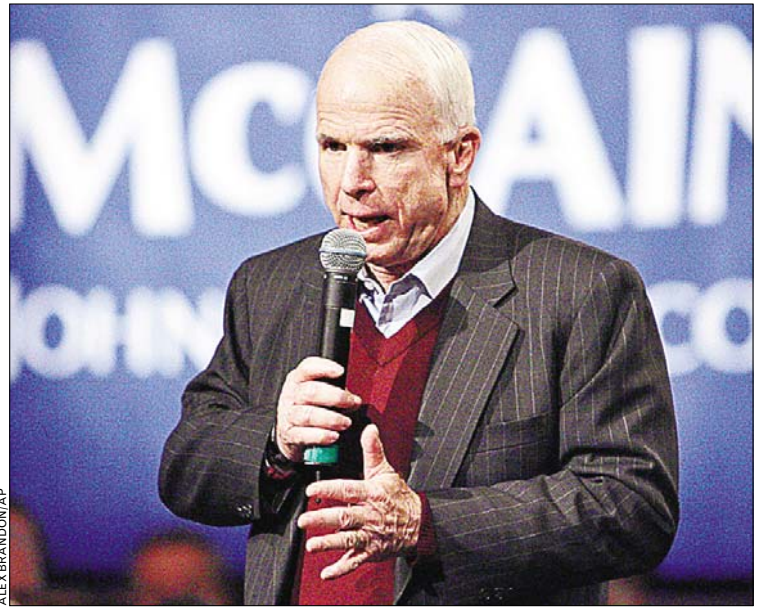
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Nation



John McCain beat George W. Bush in New Hampshire in 2000 after Bush won Iowa.

N.H. Voters Have Independent Bent

Nation's 1st primary rarely matches results from the Iowa caucus

MANCHESTER, NH. | So long, ethanol. Hello, taxes.

More than geography changes when the 2008 presidential campaign leaves the land of flat — aka Iowa — for New Hampshire, the Granite State. The electorate is different, as is the blend of issues.

"The people of New Hampshire pay attention to Iowa, but it's not the determining factor," Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona observed recently.

That's a diplomatic way of saying New Hampshire primary voters see little merit in rubber-stamping decisions made in Iowa. Truth be told, they specialize in humbling the mighty.

Think 2000, when George W. Bush roared out of Iowa, only to lose New Hampshire by a whopping 19 percentage points to McCain.

Only twice since 1976 has the same Democrat won both Iowa

and New Hampshire in a contested nominating campaign. And for all the boasting that Granite-Staters do about picking presidents, both Al Gore and John Kerry went on to lose the general election.

As a group, voters in Iowa and New Hampshire are overwhelmingly white and better educated than the national average. Still, the differences between them are significant enough to dictate adjustments by the campaigns, even if this year's compressed timetable provides only a five-day interval for changes.

Overall, New Hampshire is more independent-heavy than Iowa. At about 40 percent of the electorate or so, they outnumber registered Republicans and Democrats. They are free to vote in either party's race, a fact that complicates any pre-primary predictions.

New Hampshire Republicans are more moderate politically than those in Iowa, and they're likelier to support gay marriage, abortion rights and stricter environmental laws.

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BY THE NUMBERS: All eyes may be on Iowa and New Hampshire, but many of them are rolling. According to a national survey conducted for The Associated Press and Yahoo News, fewer than one in five voters says he or she favors the current system that allows Iowa and New Hampshire to have the first contests in presidential elections. (AP)



NUTS ABOUT KNUT: Knut, the polar bear who became famous after being rejected by his mother at birth, may star in a feature film, the Guardian reported Tuesday. His Berlin zookeepers are in negotiations with a Hollywood producer.

World

Bomber Targets Baghdad Funeral

Attack kills 32 men mourning the death of slain ex-Shiite officer

BAGHDAD | A suicide attacker killed at least 32 men gathered in eastern Baghdad Tuesday to mourn the death of a retired Iraqi army officer, a Shiite who was slain last week in a car bombing blamed on al-Qaeda in Iraq.

In the mixed Shiite and Sunni neighborhood of Zayouna, a man

loaded with explosives walked into a funeral tent outside the home of Nabil Hussein Jassim, a retired army officer killed along with another 13 people in a car bombing in Baghdad on Friday.

All 32 people killed by the suicide bomber were men, police and ambulance officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details of the bombing. The attack resembled those carried out by al-Qaeda in past years, when men

in suicide vests targeted funeral tents or processions.

The attack was a reminder of the dangers that persist in Baghdad, despite a recent drop in violence.

In a New Year's message from London, where he flew last week for what his office described as routine medical tests, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said that "we witnessed sorrow and pain in 2007, but with the effort and brotherhood of Iraqis as well their insistence to wake up, the year ended with victories and

successes."

The government, which has sought to reconcile Iraq's often warring Shiites and Sunnis, took a tiny step toward national reconciliation by sending a draft amnesty bill to the parliament speaker Tuesday.

But the bill drafted by the Shiite-dominated government falls far short of Sunni demands. It covers less than a quarter of those held in Iraqi prisons, and none of those held by the American military.

PATRICK QUINN (AP)

U.S. Envoy Is Killed In Sudan

Motive still unclear in slaying of American aid official and driver

KHARTOUM, SUDAN | An American diplomat was shot and killed early Tuesday by gunmen in a passing car who cut him off as he was being driven home in Sudan's capital. Sudanese officials insisted it was not a terrorist attack, but the U.S. Embassy said it was too soon to determine the motive.

The diplomat's Sudanese driver was also killed in the shooting.

Attacks on foreigners are rare in Khartoum, where an American diplomat was last killed in 1973.

The diplomat's family identified him as John Granville, 33, originally of Buffalo, N.Y. He was an official for the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, working to implement a 2005 peace agreement between Sudan's north and south that ended more than two decades of civil war, the family said.

He was being driven home at about 4 a.m. when another vehicle cut off his car and opened fire before fleeing, the Sudanese Interior Ministry said. MOHAMED OSMAN (AP)

In Brief

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL **Israeli Defense Minister: Roadblocks Will Remain**

Israel's network of roadblocks will remain in place across the West Bank, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Tuesday, sparking an outcry from Palestinians who say they cannot rebuild their economy until people and goods move freely. Barak's comments soured an already tense atmosphere between Israel and the Palestinians just days before President Bush's first visit to the region as U.S. president. (AP)

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA **Authorities Arrest Popular Blogger for Violating Laws**

Saudi authorities have detained a popular blogger for violating the kingdom's laws, a senior Interior Ministry official said Tuesday. It was the first known arrest of a Saudi online critic. The blogger, Fouad al-Farhan, 32, was being questioned by authorities, an Interior Ministry spokesman said. He added that the blogger might be released Wednesday. (AP)

ACCRA, GHANA **2 U.S. Navy Sailors Found Dead in Ghana Hotel Room**

Two U.S. Navy sailors were found dead Tuesday in a hotel room in Ghana, the Navy said. The Navy said the circumstances surrounding the deaths weren't immediately clear. The sailors were stationed aboard the USS Fort McHenry. (AP)



A man stands beside the remains of an Assemblies of God Church in Kenya, where at least 50 people were killed on Tuesday.

Church Blaze Kills Dozens

Mob torches building in Kenya, killing up to 50 who sought refuge

NAIROBI, KENYA | A mob torched a church where hundreds had sought refuge Tuesday. Witnesses said dozens of people — including children — were burned alive or hacked to death with machetes in ethnic violence that followed Kenya's disputed election.

The killing of up to 50 ethnic Kikuyus in the Rift Valley city of Eldoret brought the death toll from

four days of riots to about 275.

The latest violence recalled scenes from the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, when more than a half-million people were killed. The question facing Kenya is whether the politicians will lose control of the mobs, triggering a civil war.

President Mwai Kibaki, who was inaugurated for a second term Sunday, called for a meeting with his opponents. But opposition candidate Raila Odinga refused. Odinga told The Associated Press in an interview that Kibaki's administration "is guilty, directly, of genocide."

The Kikuyu people killed in Eldoret had fled to the Assemblies of God Church Monday, after mobs torched homes in their region.

On Tuesday morning, a mob of about 2,000 arrived at the church, said George Karanja, 37, who sought refuge there.

"They started burning the church," Karanja said. "There was a stampede, and people fell on one another. ... I could not manage to pull out my sister's son," Karanja said. "He was screaming, 'Uncle, Uncle!' ... He died." The boy was 11.

ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY (AP)

Liberia Gives Out Cellphones To Fight Crime

MONROVIA, LIBERIA | Liberia's government is giving away specially programmed cellphones so that citizens can report rapes and other violence, as crime soars amid a shortage of police officers.

Each of 400 neighborhoods in and around Monrovia will receive up to 10 cellphones.

Crime is so extreme that the 3,500 Liberian police in the country of 3 million venture into dangerous areas only with the backing of armed U.N. police. In Monrovia, there are too few officers to patrol the city's sprawling slums. (AP)

World



GAINING CURRENCY: Two European Union newcomers, Cyprus and Malta, started using the euro at the stroke of midnight Tuesday. The Mediterranean islands, both former British colonies, scrapped the Cyprus pound and Maltese lira to bring the number of countries using the shared currency to 15.

Pakistan Elections to Be Delayed

Election Commission expected to announce poll date Wednesday

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan elections will be delayed by one month following the turmoil sparked by Benazir Bhutto's assassination, despite opposition threats of street protests unless the crucial vote is held Jan. 8 as originally planned, a top official said Tuesday.

A senior Election Commission official told The Associated Press that the commission has agreed on a new date. He indicated it would not be before the second week of February, but refused to disclose the exact schedule before the formal announcement on Wednesday.

The opposition is likely to accuse



An election official is surrounded by the media as he discusses Pakistan's elections in Islamabad on Tuesday. The Election Commission will delay the elections one month.

authorities of postponing the polls to aid the ruling party, which is allied to President Pervez Musharraf.

The killing of Bhutto, a former prime minister, triggered three days of nationwide riots that killed 58 people and caused tens of millions of dollars in damage.

In addition to logistical problems arising from the destruction caused by the rioting, the election official said the caretaker governments of Pakistan's provinces had suggested the vote not be held during the holy month of Muharram from Jan. 10 through Feb. 8, because they could not guarantee security.

Meanwhile, a top aide of Bhutto revealed that on the day she was killed, Bhutto planned to give two U.S. lawmakers a 160-page dossier accusing the government of rigging the elections. MUNIR AHMAD (AP)

Nigerian Militia Kills 13 in Raids

PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA | Armed militants attacked targets in Nigeria's main oil industry center of Port Harcourt on Tuesday, killing 13 people, a military spokesman said.

Bands of armed men invaded the city in the morning, attacking two police stations and raiding the lobby of a major hotel. Four policemen, three civilians and six attackers were killed, said Lt. Col. Sagir Musa, spokesman for the military task force in charge of security in Nigeria's troubled oil region.

The Niger Delta Vigilante Movement, led by militia leader Ateke Tom, claimed responsibility for the attack, group spokesman Richard Akinaka told The Associated Press by telephone. The group is one of several armed movements active in the southern Niger Delta oil-producing region. (AP)

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ONE BIG OAK: Montgomery County forestry officials are requesting that Maryland recognize a giant white oak near Barnesville, Md., as the honorary state tree. The tree, already identified as the county's biggest white oak, may have grown to be the largest of its kind in Maryland.

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Food Court Fire Forces Evacuation at Union Station

Authorities evacuated Union Station for about an hour because of a small fire in the basement food court, delaying the departure of several trains. D.C. fire department spokesman Alan Etter says a fryer used to prepare french fries caught fire about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, filling the area with smoke. The station's concourse reopened to passengers about an hour later, after the smoke dissipated. Etter says the fire caused little damage and no one was injured. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. Amtrak spokeswoman Karina Romero says four trains were delayed leaving Union Station because of the evacuation. (AP)

BALTIMORE

Police Officer Struck, Killed In Hit-and-Run on I-95

A Maryland Transportation Authority police officer was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve, authorities said. Officer Courtney G. Brooks, 40, was struck by an SUV around 11:20 p.m. on Interstate 95 near the interchange with I-395 in Baltimore, police said. He was rushed to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, where he died. The driver of the Ford Explorer that hit Brooks fled the scene, and the vehicle, which had temporary Delaware tags, was later recovered about 50 miles up I-95 in North East. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Arson Not Suspected in Fire That Killed 2 Va. Sisters

Investigators say they don't think a fire that killed two Fairfax County teenagers last week was suspicious, but they haven't identified the cause. The fire on Popkins Lane early Friday killed 16-year-old Morgan Whitsett and 13-year-old Ashley Whitsett after their father tried to rescue them from an upstairs bedroom. The Fairfax County Fire Department says the preliminary cause of death is smoke inhalation. (AP)

Environment Looms in Md. Session

State lawmakers ready for green proposals to dominate '08 session

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Saying Maryland can't wait to try to address global warming, state lawmakers predict a menu of environmental proposals could dominate this year's session.

Several lawmakers say a proposal to cap carbon emissions — possibly the nation's toughest plan to reduce greenhouse gases blamed for global

warming — stands to become the most ambitious bill of the General Assembly session. The environment could be a main topic of debate since the state's looming budget problems were largely addressed in last fall's special session.

The carbon bill, endorsed by a task force set up by Gov. Martin O'Malley, would call for carbon reductions of 25 percent by 2020 and 90 percent by 2050. If approved, the goals would be the nation's strongest carbon reduction plans.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS

Among the proposals coming before Maryland lawmakers:

- Carbon caps: Democrats plan to push for tougher goals for greenhouse gas reductions.
- Chesapeake Bay: Lawmakers must lay out how to manage a \$50 million restoration fund
- Development: Environmentally friendly building techniques could be required for new government buildings.

Lawmakers may also consider reforms to a state law limiting development near waterways and debate anew how to spend a new \$50 million fund to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

Along with those pieces of legislation are likely to be several smaller environmental attempts, including a proposal to require new schools to use green building technology and incentives for consumers to buy energy-efficient appliances and fluorescent light bulbs.

KRISTEN WYATT (AP)

WILLIAMSPORT, MD. | TIME TO TAKE THE PLUNGE



COLD CUTS: Members of the Williamsport Polar Bear Club splash their way in and back out of the cold waters of the Potomac River, as part of the annual Polar Bear Plunge at River Bottom Park on Tuesday in Williamsport, Md.

787 Use Free Cab Service

WASHINGTON | Nearly 800 New Year's Eve revelers in the Washington area used a free cab ride service aimed at preventing drinking and driving.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program says 787 people took advantage of the SoberRide program from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. That's the program's second-highest ridership number for New Year's Eve. In 2002, SoberRide provided a record 808 rides.

Since SoberRide started its holiday service on Dec. 7, it has provided more than 2,500 free cabs rides to residents 21 and older.

The program is offered in D.C., and Montgomery, Prince George's, Arlington, Prince William, Fairfax and eastern Loudoun counties. (AP)

Arlington Elects Hispanic Chairman

ARLINGTON, VA. | The Arlington County Board has elected its first Hispanic chairman.

J. Walter Tejada immigrated to the U.S. from El Salvador when he was 13. He will lead the Arlington board at a time when illegal immigration is a major issue in the region.

He was named chairman during the board's traditional New Year's

Day meeting.

As chairman, Tejada said his priorities will include affordable housing and the environment.

In September, the Arlington board rebuked Northern Virginia politicians who are clamping down on illegal immigrants and passed a resolution urging officials to "promote the integration of immigrants." (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 1

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-9-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	0-8-7
Mid-day DC 4	6-3-6-7
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	6-7-6-2
Rolling Cash Five (Mon.)	7-18-24-29-35
Daily 6 (Mon.)	10-12-26-30-33-35 Bonus: 32

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office.

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	9-6-5
Mid-day Pick 4	0-8-4-3
Match 5 (Mon.)	13-15-18-23-32 Bonus: 26

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	7-3-8
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-4-1
Mid-day Pick 4	1-6-8-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	2-4-5-7
Mid-day Cash 5	12-15-20-22-31
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	4-9-12-30-33

Cars

RULES OF THE ROAD: Federal regulators are seeking public comment on a proposal requiring drivers seeking a commercial driver's license to complete classroom and behind-the-wheel training. The rule would not be implemented until three years after a final decision has been made.



LIVE ONLINE

CAR CARE

Do you think the federal government's new MPG requirements will mean the end for performance, muscle and super cars?

The "energy bill" signed into law by President Bush last month, which gives tax breaks to the oil industry, requires nothing from consumers and makes the environmental establishment appear that it has achieved something meaningful,

will do absolutely nothing to take performance cars or muscle cars off the market, just as it will do nothing to lower the nation's overall consumption of petroleum.

The 'energy bill' will do nothing to take muscle cars off the market.

What's the difference between a gas tax and a carbon tax?

One sounds worse than the other. They are the same.

Really, does a 16-year-old need his or her own car?

Many families think so — mine was not one of them. Our children were not allowed to drive until they successfully completed their first semester of college. Then, they were required to finance their own driving lessons and pay for their own driving license. The oldest girl was given a choice — Ivy League undergraduate and law schools or a car. She wisely chose an education.



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Warren Brown's column "Car Culture" addresses the social, political and economic trends of the automotive industry.



The 2008 Chevy Tahoe Hybrid boasts a two-mode engine system with a romp-ing 332 horsepower, 367 pound-feet of torque and 6,200 pounds of towing power.

Tahoe Hybrid Just A Green Gas Hog

2008 Chevy vehicle looks efficient but drives like an SUV

SEMI-GREEN | The Chevy Tahoe Hybrid is as provocative and political a vehicle as you'll see this year. Why, it's practically a polemic. And those are just the P's.

I had a chance to spend a couple of days in the Tahoe Hybrid — white, with gold "Hybrid" decals along the scuppers. People have accused Prius owners of being ostentatiously green, but the badge-barnacled Tahoe Hybrid might as well have roof-mounted green emergency lights and a "Green, Green!" whoop siren.

For sheer execution, you can do nothing but throw rose petals at the thing. The engine starts instantly then falls into a serene idle. Once the gas engine reaches operating temperature, it will shut down during low speed/load conditions, and if you feather the accelerator just right, you can make the Tahoe Hybrid sluice along at up to 30 mph in all-electric mode, just a 5,700-pound Prius.

GM has made a fair amount of bubbles calling it a "two-mode" sys-

NUTS & BOLTS

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tem, though I'm not clear even now what the two modes are. I count three: electric only; gas only; and/or gas-electric, in which the operating system constantly ciphers the fuel-saving optimum between the engine's contribution and the electric motor's.

For now, we have this paradox, a fantastically fuel-efficient vehicle that's still a gas hog. Matters can only get more muddled when the Hybrid Hummer comes rolling out.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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NOT ENOUGH: Sprinter Justin Gatlin got his doping ban reduced, but not by enough to make him eligible to defend his Olympic 100-meter title this year. The 25-year-old sprinter had a potential eight-year ban reduced to four years, with the ban set to expire May 24, 2010.



Sports



The Falcons beat the NFC West champion Seahawks 44-41 in Sunday's game.

Seahawks Remember The Falcons

Seattle wants to take lessons from Sunday's loss into the playoffs

NFL | The Seattle Seahawks vow not to forget.

Even though dismissing the 44-41 loss to the woebegone Falcons in the supposedly meaningless finale to the regular season might be better for the psyche right now, the Seahawks are using it for motivation.

Seattle (10-6) hosts the Washington Redskins (9-7), the NFC's hottest team, in a first-round playoff game on Saturday.

"We don't enter the postseason on a positive note. But we will do what we've got to do," linebacker Julian Peterson said.

That would be tackle better. Block better. Cover kickoffs better. The Seahawks see lessons that they can turn into positives during their fifth consecutive postseason. And Sunday brought a semester's worth of schooling. Seattle allowed its most points in more than four years, and defensive starters played most of the game.

"In my mind, everything went wrong," said safety Deon Grant, who had been making plays all season but repeatedly bounced off Falcons receivers on missed tackles.

Grant called the final playoff tuneup "embarrassing."

"But, you know, the plus part in all of this is that we get to wipe the slate clean," he said. "We can fix the mistakes we made and we go into [this] weekend ... and dominate."

GREGG BELL (AP)

After 'Low Point,' Gibbs Regrouped

Redskins coach made some changes after tough loss to Buffalo

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs was so somber, so silent, during the limousine ride home on the toughest night of his coaching career that his wife, Pat, grew concerned.

"I was sitting there, and I hadn't said a word," Gibbs recalled, mimicking his sad slouch. "She goes, 'Now THAT upsets me.'"

His Washington Redskins just had lost their fourth game in a row to fall to 5-7. The Buffalo Bills' winning field goal came after the coach known fondly around these parts as St. Joe drew a 15-yard penalty for calling consecutive timeouts in a bid to "freeze" the kicker. Plus, his team wanted so badly to win that game in honor of Sean Taylor, the Pro Bowl safety killed days earlier.

"That was my low point," Gibbs said in a brief interview Monday. "It's something you live through as a coach. It can happen. You don't want it to happen."

With that in mind, Gibbs set out to improve the situation. For one thing, the Hall of Fame coach knew he needed to use all of his talents as a leader, willing his players to stick together. For another, the ultimate old-school coach knew he needed



LOW-DOWN: Redskins coach Joe Gibbs, right, shakes Dick Jauron's hand after a coaching mistake helped give the win to the Bills.

to alter something, so he decided to ease up in practice.

Thanks to both of those elements, the Redskins are 4-0 since that nadir. Back in the playoffs for the second time in three years, they face the Seattle Seahawks in a first-round game Saturday.

"The thing about Joe that you have to understand is Joe never wavers," said Joe Theismann, the starting quarterback for one of three Super Bowl champions dur-

Back in Charge

→ At times last offseason, it looked like Shawn Springs would not be part of the Redskins this year. He's not only back, but he's also making big plays. | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

ing Gibbs' first Redskins tenure. "It's a cliché, but it fits Joe so well: 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.'"

Given the circumstances on and

off the field — the death of a teammate, the mounting defeats, the questions about their coach's play-calling, clock management and knowledge of the rules — it would have been easy for the Redskins to fold.

Gibbs, quite simply, did not allow that.

"We were on our last legs," linebacker London Fletcher said. "Now I think he deserves some Coach of the Year consideration, you know?"

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Offense Is Open With Collins Leading

Quirky Redskins QB keeps the mood light and finds all his WRs

REDSKINS | In a Redskins season that has all the emotional swings of a Shakespearean drama, Todd Collins is the comic relief.

Players who speak with somber voices when discussing the after-effects of the death of Sean Taylor break out in goofy grins and shake their heads in amazement when the name Todd is mentioned. Those are distinct, almost parallel, explanations for the improbable four-game winning streak that has put the Redskins into the playoffs.



Todd Collins, right, came into the game a month ago and has won four straight.

"The first one I would say is losing Sean and coming together as a team," receiver Antwaan Randle El said Monday. "That being said,

the second would be Todd. Because when you lose a leader in your quarterback, it's a hard spot to fill — I don't care who you are."

No quarterback in the NFC has played better than Collins since he replaced injured starter Jason Campbell in the first half against Chicago on Dec. 6. Collins led all the scoring drives in that game and has been nearly flawless since, completing 64 percent of his passes with five touchdowns, no interceptions and a 106.4 rating in four winning, back-against-the-wall performances.

"You couldn't expect him to play any better," coach Joe Gibbs said.

Whether it's the hot read or the

fly pattern, the offense is livelier, more efficient and more daring with Collins under center. He'll call for a shift with only eight seconds left on the play clock, confident he'll still have time to get the play off. He's finding receivers Campbell never spotted, particularly Clinton Portis, who is having a career receiving year out of the backfield. Gibbs is letting him throw downfield with a lead rather than retreating into a shell and letting the other team catch up.

"Todd opens things up for everybody," Portis said. "You never know who's getting the ball now. So, if you think you're on the route that's not coming to you, you'd better go full speed — because Todd will hit you right upside the head with the ball."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Sports

HOCKEY | PENS WIN IN FRONT OF RECORD CROWD



OUTSIDE SHOT: Sidney Crosby skates off the ice at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Buffalo after scoring the game-winning goal in Pittsburgh's win over the Sabres. The game was played outside in front of an NHL-record 71,217 fans.

Capitals Jump All Over Senators Early in Win

Washington pours it on against Ottawa for the 2nd time in 4 days

CAPITALS | Mike Green had two goals and an assist, Michael Nylander and Brooks Laich both added a goal and an assist and the Washington Capitals defeated the Ottawa Senators 6-3 on Tuesday.

Green, Nylander and Laich each scored during a four-goal first period for Washington, which beat Ottawa for the second time in four days. The Capitals topped the Senators 8-6 on Saturday.

The Capitals pressured Ottawa throughout that game and did the same thing in the first period of this one. Washington got 15 of its 26 shots in the first period and cre-

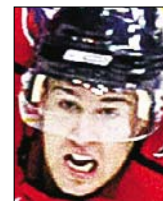
ated numerous scoring chances.

Viktor Kozlov scored the other first-period goal. Boyd Gordon sealed the victory with an empty-net goal in the third period.

Washington's Alex Ovechkin added two assists. Olie Kolzig recovered from a shaky start to finish with 31 saves.

Chris Neil and Dean McAmmond both had a goal and an assist for Ottawa, 0-3 against the Capitals this season. In the three losses, Ottawa has given up 18 goals.

Ottawa (25-10-4) scored twice in the game's first five minutes, but Washington took command with five consecutive goals. (AP)



Green

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards start off 2008 by hosting the Detroit Pistons.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8:15 P.M. ON FOX) West Virginia takes on Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2; 8 P.M.

ON ESPN; 9 P.M. ON ESPN2) Rutgers is at South Florida, Kent State travels to North Carolina, and Northwestern hosts Penn State.

HOCKEY (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) Atlanta travels to Carolina for a nationally televised hockey game.



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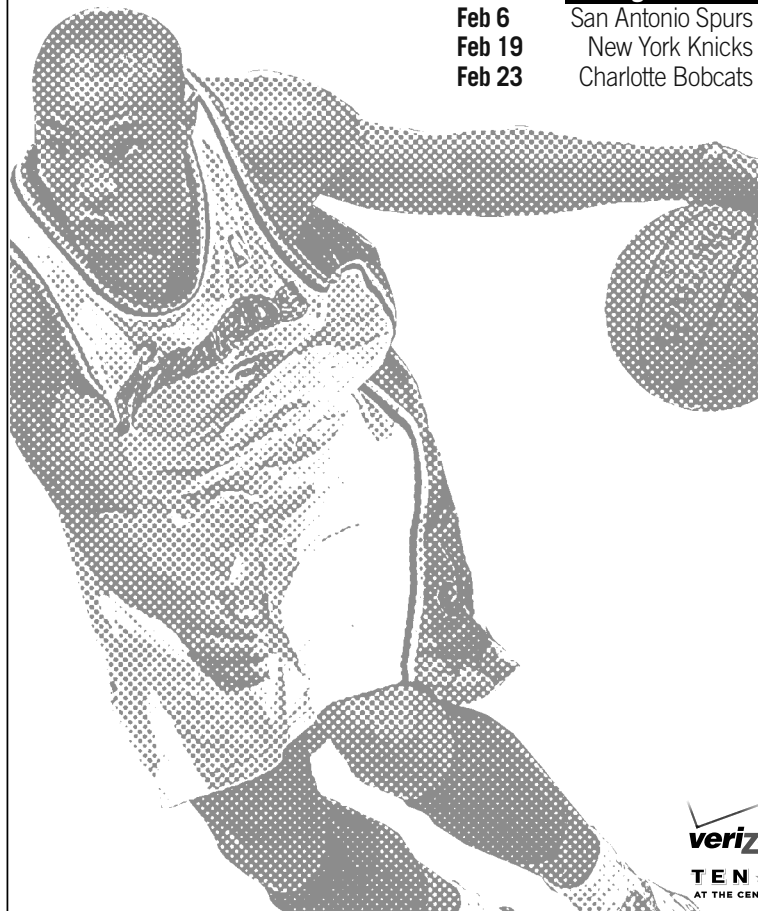
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The number of yards Missouri RB Tony Temple accumulated in the Tigers' 38-7 win over Arkansas, a Cotton Bowl record. He also had four touchdowns, also a bowl record.

Sports

Virginia Blows Late Lead

Cavaliers led Texas Tech by 14 in the 4th quarter of Gator Bowl

CAVS FOOTBALL | Alex Trlica kicked a 41-yard field goal with seven seconds left to give Texas Tech a 31-28 come-from-behind victory over No. 21 Virginia in a wild Gator Bowl on Tuesday.

Tech overcame several mental errors, including pivotal penalties and a fumble, to come back from a 28-14 fourth quarter deficit. Its aggressive pass offense couldn't score much for three quarters, but Graham Harrell still managed to rack up several Gator Bowl records.

He completed 44 of 69 passes for 407 yards, all records, plus three TDs.

In the final period, the Red Raiders finally found the end zone as they were accustomed to all year. Twice, actually, and Trlica's field goal did the rest.

Just a few minutes earlier, the



Texas Tech's Alex Trlica, No. 30, watches his game-winning kick in the final seconds.

Cavaliers seemed to have things sewn up. A Tech drive kept alive by two fourth down conversions sputtered with eight minutes left, and All-American Michael Crabtree couldn't haul in a prayer in the end zone on fourth-and-one.

But a few minutes after that, Harrell found him in the same

spot against the same defender, and this time it worked — despite a pass interference call.

Tech scored its next touchdown after knocking the ball out of backup Virginia quarterback Peter Lalich's hands at the 4-yard line. Tech recovered and Aaron Crawford's 4-yard run a play later tied it at 28. (AP)

Michigan's Passing Attack Torches Florida

Lloyd Carr's last game is the 1st bowl win for the Wolverine seniors

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Lloyd Carr went out a winner.

Chad Henne threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns, Mike Hart ran for 129 yards and two scores, and the Wolverines upset No. 9 Florida 41-35 Tuesday in the Capital One Bowl to win their first bowl game since 2003. Michigan's senior class won its first bowl game in four tries, and Carr ended his coaching career on a high note.

Henne, Adrian Arrington and Mario Manningham torched Florida all game. Arrington caught nine passes for 153 yards and two TDs, and Manningham added five catches for 78 yards and a score.

The Gators (9-4) kept it close

BOWL GAME SCORES

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

Missouri 38, Arkansas 7

Tennessee 21, Wisconsin 17

Michigan 41, Florida 35

Texas Tech 31, Virginia 28

→ The Rose and Sugar bowls ended after Express' deadline. See | Today's Post

thanks to four Michigan turnovers and plenty of big plays by Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and speedster Percy Harvin.

Florida failed to convert a fourth-down play at its 25-yard line, and K.C. Lopata's 41-yard field goal put Michigan (9-4) ahead 41-35 with 2:21 remaining.

The Gators got another shot, but Tebow threw four straight incomplete passes. MARK LONG (AP)

Vols Continue SEC's Dominance Over the Big Ten

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Erik Ainge ensured No. 16 Tennessee wouldn't leave the Outback Bowl with another disappointing loss.

Capping a roller coaster career, the Volunteers star threw for 365 yards and two touchdowns Tuesday to pace a 21-17 victory that stopped

No. 18 Wisconsin from joining Michigan as the only Big Ten teams to beat Southeastern Conference opponents in bowl games three consecutive seasons.

Antonio Wardlow sealed Tennessee's first 10-win season since 2004 when he intercepted Tyler Donovan's deep throw intended for Paul Hubbard in the end zone in the final minute. (AP)



Wardlow

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Renoir, *Luncheon at La Fournaise*

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Renoir, *Luncheon at La Fournaise*, 1875, Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois.

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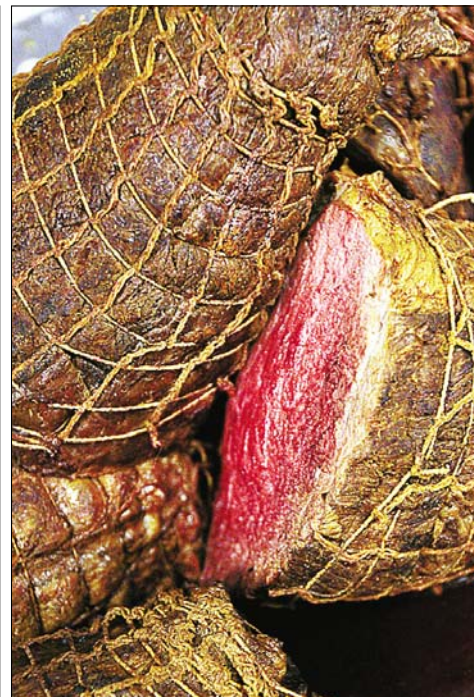
Travel



SKATE ON IT: A colored ice wall and an ice painting you can skate on will be installed in Chicago's Millennium Park in February. The ice wall, called "Paintings Below Zero," will be 95 feet long and 12 feet tall.



A waiter serves patrons of the 2nd Ave Deli during its opening on Dec. 17 at the new location. All of the sandwiches are kosher, but none of them skimps on the meat.



2nd Ave Deli's 2nd Try

Famous New York hot spot is up and running, but near 3rd Ave. now

EATERIES | For nearly two years, the 2nd Ave Deli has sat high atop the pastrami lovers' consciousness as devotees of the steamed beef waited anxiously for news about its revival.

The deli — founded by the late Abe Lebewohl in 1954 — shut down in January 2006, thanks to skyrocketing rents, an uncertain lease, and high renovation costs at its old location in Manhattan's trendy East Village.

But the long wait for foodies finally ended Dec. 17 as the deli's

owners literally cut the salami and officially welcomed hungry patrons and 2nd Ave Deli fans to its new address — on 33rd Street near Third Avenue.

The old space on Second Avenue and 10th Street now houses a bank.

While the location is different, plenty remains the same, including the savory smells. The pastrami still glistens with fat, making any waistline whimper. The plump rotisserie chickens crackle in the front window. Potato and noodle puddings, knishes and knoblewurst beckon.

Most of the menu has been preserved. The \$20 "Twin Double" consisting of heaping portions of corned

beef and pastrami, along with the \$21.75 "Instant Heart Attack" survived the move. The latter arrives in the form of two large potato pancakes with a choice of formidable meat.

Nostalgia is everywhere in the 65-seat deli, which is half the size of the former place. The same pictures of Jerry Seinfeld, Paul Reiser, Yiddish theater stars and Rudy Giuliani line the walls. The deli installed replica partitions of mahogany and glass bearing the 2nd Ave Deli name.

"Second Ave Deli is not just a deli," said Jack Lebewohl, the brother of founder Abe Lebewohl. "It's a place where people would come to eat. They felt that they

were eating the same foods that their mothers and grandmothers made. It was a home away from home."

"Here, I feel confident that the restaurant will be able to pay my mortgage and have a certain future," said Jeremy Lebewohl, who handles day-to-day operations.

Lebewohl said the restaurant still uses the same family recipes when preparing the foods.

And it still boasts being kosher despite the fact it's open seven days per week.

"Everything we use is kosher," Lebewohl said. "We have no dairy products used on-site. I do have rabbinical supervision."

ADAM GOLDMAN (AP)

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CHANGE IS BAD: We didn't want to see anything new last year. Sequels ruled at the box office in 2007, and "Spider-Man 3" profited to the tune of an astonishing \$336.5 million. "Shrek the Third" and "The Bourne Ultimatum" also cleaned up.

Entertainment



FEAR ITSELF: Belen Rueda plays a woman who becomes drawn to the supernatural in the Spanish chiller "The Orphanage."

A Class in Scary

'The Orphanage' puts Spain on the map for quality horror films

SHIVERS | With American horror cinema in a rut, fans of the genre are increasingly looking abroad in search of scary movies that are actually scary. Japan is the first stop, but good work is also being done

in South Korea ("A Tale of Two Sisters"), France ("High Tension"), and England ("Dog Soldiers"). Friday's release of "El Orfanato" ("The Orphanage") means that Spain can be added to that growing list.

Directed by first-time feature filmmaker Juan Antonio Bayona and written by Sergio Sanchez, "The Orphanage" is the kind of elegant, superbly spooky

ghost story that Hollywood rarely makes anymore. One can trace its influences back to "The Others" (directed by Bayona's fellow countryman, Alejandro Amenabar), "The Shining," "The Haunting" and, the granddaddy of them all, Henry James' 1898 chiller, "The Turn of the Screw."

"We were very influenced by James' book," Bayona says, on

the phone from his home in Barcelona. "When Sergio and I were working on the script, we talked a lot about 'The Turn of the Screw.' He told me it was a book he read in school and didn't understand at all. Then he read it again as an adult and understood that there's nothing to understand — you have to put your own interpretation on it. And that's what we tried to do with 'The Orphanage.'"

The screenplay centers on a woman named Laura, who returns to the orphanage where she lived as a child with plans to transform it into a school for disabled children. One of her first pupils will be her son Simon, a smart, loving young boy she and her husband, Carlos, adopted as a baby — a fact they have so far kept from him. Just before the orphanage is set to re-open, though, Simon suddenly vanishes and the police are unable to find any trace of him.

Meanwhile, Laura begins to suspect that she's sharing the orphanage with the ghosts of the children who once lived there and, as it turns out, died under mysterious circumstances.

"From the moment [Sanchez] decided to give me the script, he understood it was going to be my movie," Bayona says. "He wanted an ending that was more bitter than sweet, for example. But I wanted an ending that would provide a release for the audience. At the same time, I think it's a very dark ending — you can read it two ways." **ETHAN ALTER** (FILM JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL)



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The crowds are gone; it's safe to go back to the museums. Enjoy the off-season respite and take in a hugely popular museum show before the cherry blossom-bunnies return. We recommend a day at the National Gallery of Art, where art fans can get a good view of J.M.W. Turner's turbulent sea scenes and dramatic landscapes.

→ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; through Jan. 6, free; 202-633-1000, nga.gov. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

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Tense Times for Late-Night TV

Five nighttime talkers are coming back, and questions abound

EXPERIMENTS | What's gonna happen tonight?

That's the sort of question seldom raised about late-night talk TV, whose hosts keep the audience content with variations on a durable formula, night after night, gag after gag, guest after guest.

But the late-night landscape is about to change, and no one — not

the hosts, not the viewers — knows how it will look.

What everybody does know is, on Wednesday, five late-night hosts will return to work. But there's a twist. Thanks to an agreement with the Writers Guild of America forged just last week, two of the hosts — David Letterman and Craig Ferguson — will be accompanied by their writing teams.

It's a different story for Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Kimmel. They will be deprived of their writers' services while, on the fly, they



Conan O'Brien is one of the late-night hosts returning to the airwaves tonight.

retool the talk-show format and, relying on improvisation, do, well, who knows what?

As long as the strike drags on, we can expect the hosts (all of them Writers Guild members) to be firing salvos at the writers' adversaries, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers. The union cause will have a nightly platform reaching millions of viewers. Letterman's and Ferguson's shows also have union approval, which could mean a better grade of guests than for their rivals. **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

Entertainment



NICE TRY: January TV really is kind of slow. Case in point: National Geographic sexes up its programming on the 27th with "Fight Science: Mixed Martial Arts," a special that "analyzes" the fighting styles of UFC heavyweights. Uh-huh.

A Guitar With a Voice

For Keb' Mo's film role, the instrument makes the character

METHOD ACTING | In order to portray a mysterious street-corner blues musician in the period musical drama "Honeydripper," multiple Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Keb' Mo' says he did what any blues aficionado would have done: He went out and bought a guitar. But not just any guitar: a steel-bodied National Sunburst built in the '30s that he picked up from Norm's Rare Guitars in Los Angeles and paid for with his own dime.

The south Los Angeles native felt the instrument was crucial to creat-

ing his character, a wily know-it-all named Possum who serves as a dramatic foil to the film's protagonist, Danny Glover. In "Honeydripper," set in rural Alabama circa 1950, Glover portrays Tyrone Purvis, an aging bluesman fighting to keep his backwoods juke joint in business at a pivotal moment in the American musical continuum when the blues was evolving into rock 'n' roll.

"I wanted the guitar to be an extension of Possum," Mo' said. "All the music in my scenes — that was part of my dialogue. I looked at it as improvised dialogue done on a guitar."

The musician ad-libbed his period-perfect slide guitar parts on set, his bursts of music lending urgency



THINKING STRINGS: In "Honeydripper," Keb' Mo' plays a mysterious bluesman.

and immediacy to the plain-spoken truths Mo's character speaks to whomever will listen.

Over the course of a scant half-dozen scenes, Possum takes sardonic glee in goading Tyrone about his predicament: deep debts, strained relations with a crooked local sheriff — and not least that the electric guitar-playing star the saloon-keeper has pinned his hopes on has proverbially and literally missed the train. But the guitar player always makes his point.

"Honeydripper's" writer-director-editor, John Sayles, worked closely with Mo' to flesh out the character's background and sense of self.

Still, when the well-respected indie auteur approached Mo' for the part last year, the musician was basically oblivious about who it was taking him to lunch. "I hadn't even realized how important he was in film," Mo' said.

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Two Ways of Saving the World

Baby-protecting and zombie-fighting star in two DVD actioners

DVD | Perhaps the best of the features being released on DVD this week, "Shoot 'Em Up" (New Line, \$29) casts magnetic leading man Clive Owen as an angry loner who finds

himself protecting an infant — after he delivers the baby in a warehouse amid a raucous gunfight.

Over-the-top in every possible way, the action-thriller also features a memorable turn from Paul Giamatti as a well-groomed but sleazoid hitman; Monica Bellucci plays a lactating prostitute who serves as the baby's surrogate

mother.

Included on the disc are typical behind-the-scenes production featurettes and fast-paced commentary from writer/director Michael Davis.

In another release, Milla Jovovich returns for the third time as action heroine Alice in "Resident Evil: Extinction" (Sony, \$29). In



Clive Owen and his gun take care of an infant in the thriller "Shoot 'Em Up."

this cross between "The Road Warrior" and "Night of the Living Dead," Alice and her posse — played by Oded Fehr, Mike Epps, Ali Larter and Ashanti — take on zombies in the Nevada desert among the ruins of what was Las Vegas.

Included on the disc are deleted scenes, capsule featurettes on the production and engaging commentary with director Russell Mulcahy, writer/producer Paul W.S. Anderson and producer Jeremy Bolt that's far more inspired than their movie.

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15

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TCM celebrates the movies of James Cagney every Wednesday night in January. Tonight's offerings include **SINNER'S HOLIDAY** (8 p.m.).



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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4 News (N)		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (TV) (N)	Law & Order Detective Lupo deals with trouble at home.				News (N)	Tonight Show		
	WTTG	5 News (N)	TMZ (N)	First and Goal	Foot. Pregame	(15) College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl -- Oklahoma vs. West Virginia. From Glendale, Ariz. (S Live)								
	WJLA	7 News (N)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Boss; Guastaferrro"	Supernanny "Drake Family"	Supernanny "Chapman Family" (N)			News (N)	(35) Nightline (N)		
	WUSA	9 News (N)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Power of 10 (Season Premiere) (N)	Criminal Minds "Profiler, Profiled"	CSI: NY "Oedipus Hex"			News (N)	Late Show		
	WDCA	20 Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Celebrity Daredevils	News (N)		King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		
	WMPT	22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Pioneers of Television "Sitcoms" (N)		Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil and the Presidency (N)		National Geographic Specials				
	WETA	26 BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Pioneers of Television "Sitcoms" (N)		Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil and the Presidency (N)		Charlie Rose (N)				
	WHUT	32 Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Dave Koz at the Movies		Kalb Report Journalism.	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)			
	WDCW	50 My Wife and Kids	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants			Gossip Girl "School Lies" (N)	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Sex and the City	
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files "Crimes of the KKK"		CSI: Miami "After the Fall"		CSI: Miami "Tinder Box"		CSI: Miami "Freaks & Tweaks"		CSI: Miami "Body Count"		CSI: Miami "Blood Brothers"		
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter		Almighty Amphibians		Natural World "Big Sky Bears"		The Natural World		Animal Precinct "Big Heart"		Natural World "Big Sky Bears"		
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Access Granted	** "The Gospel" (2005, Drama) Boris Kodjoe, Idris Elba.			BET News Special		BET News Special	Hell Date	Hell Date	
	Bravo	Project Runway			Project Runway	Project Runway			Project Runway (N)		Make Me a Supermodel (N)			
	Comedy	(5:00) * "Black Sheep" (1996)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Reno 911!	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Party Heat (N)		Most Shocking (N)		Forensic Files		Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	
	Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made		How It's Made		Sinking of an Aircraft Carrier		MythBusters "Supersized Myths"		MythBusters "Supersized Myths"		
	DISCH	Code Blue "Crossroads"		Trauma: Life in the ER		Trauma: Life in the ER "Survivors"		Plastic Surgery: Before and After (N)		You: On a Diet		Trauma: Life in the ER "Survivors"		
	Disney	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	** "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff, Christy Carlson Romano.			That's So Raven		Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	
	E!	Rock Star Wives	Wildest Wed	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	*** "High Fidelity" (2000) John Cusack, Iben Hjejle. Premiere.			Snoop Father		Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea Lately	
	FX	(5:30) ** "Bulletproof Monk" (2003) Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott.				** "Romeo Must Die" (2000, Action) Jet Li, Aaliyah, Isaiah Washington.					** "Romeo Must Die" (2000, Action) Jet Li, Aaliyah.			
	HGTV	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Hunters		Designed to Sell		Get It Sold (N)	Deserving Design	Design on a Dime	House Hunters (N)	Sleep on It (N)	Desperate Spaces	What's-House?
	Family	** "Dr. Dolittle" (1998, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Ossie Davis.				** "Dr. Dolittle" (1998, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Ossie Davis.				America's Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		
	History	Modern Marvels: Civil War Tech		Marv: Guns of the Civil War		Modern Marvels: Cold Cuts		Lost Worlds Cold War.		MonsterQuest (N)		Decoding the Past "Nazi Prophecies"		
	Lifetime	Reba	Reba	Still Standing		Still Standing		Reba "Surprise"		Reba	"The Perfect Assistant" (2008) Rachel Hunter, Chris Potter. Premiere.		Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Made		Made		Made		Made		The Real World		Newport Harbr	The X Effect	The X Effect
	NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101		Ned's School		SpongeBoh	Drake & Josh	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince
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SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Ultimate Fighting Championship 70: Nations Collide							
TBS	Friends	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		Family Guy	Family Guy	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	
TLC	Property Ladder		I Woke Up in the Morgue		World's Smallest Kids		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Anatomy of Sex		World's Smallest Kids			
TNT	Law & Order "Hitman"		Law & Order "Ill-Conceived"		Law & Order "Mammon"		** "The General's Daughter" (1999) John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe.				** "The General's Daughter"			
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		NCIS "Yankee White"		NCIS "Hung Out to Dry"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			
VHI	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		I Love New York		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model			
SPAN	TELEM	Los Plateados	Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones	Madre Luna			Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noti-Telemndo	Titulares y Mas	
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Yo Amo a Juan Querendón (N)	Amar sin Límites (N)			Pasión		Don Francisco Presenta		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.	
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		College Football Special		College Basketball Kent State at North Carolina. (Live)			Gamenight		NFL Live	SportsCenter (Live)		
	ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		College Basketball Rutgers at South Florida. (Live)			College Basketball Penn State at Northwestern. (Live)					Gamenight	NBA Fastbreak	
	CSN	SportsNite	SportsNite	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Washington Wizards. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.			SportsNite		SportsNite (Live)		Washington Post Live			
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				
	FNC	Special Report		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Raw "Criminal Minds"		The Mind of Manson Charles Manson.		
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ** "Mission: Impossible" (1996, Action) Tom Cruise. 'PG-13'				** "Navy SEALs" (1990) Charlie Sheen. An elite fighting force tracks Middle Eastern terrorists.				** "Iron Eagle" (1986) Louis Gossett Jr. 'PG-13'				
	TCM	*** "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1945) George Sanders. 'NR'				** "Sinner's Holiday" (1930) 'NR'				(15) *** "The Public Enemy" (1931) James Cagney.				
	HBO	(5:45) *** "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill.				** "Unaccompanied Minors" (2006) Dyllan Christopher.				Sweeney Todd	Inside the NFL (N)		REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel	
	MAX	** "Cruel Intentions" (1999) Sarah Michelle Gellar. 'R'				(45) ** "Batman Returns" (1992, Action) Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito.				* "The Hitcher" (2007) Sean Bean.		Forbidden Tmp		
	SHOW	(5:45) ** "Aeon Flux" (2005) Charlize Theron. 'PG-13'				(25) ** "The Pink Panther" (2006) Steve Martin. 'PG'				The L Word "Luck Be a Lady" (iTV)		The L Word "Lesson Number One"		
	TMC	(5:45) ** "Happy Endings" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Tom Arnold.				** "Art School Confidential" (2006) Max Minghella. Premiere.				** "National Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2005)		(35) Shadowboxer		
	STARZ!	(5:35) *** "Rushmore" (1998) 'R'				(10) ** "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) Kate Beckinsale.				** "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) Will Smith.		*** "Rush Hour" (1998) 'PG-13'		
ENCORE	(5:50) *** "Eight Below" (2006, Adventure) Paul Walker.				** "Legends of the Fall" (1994, Drama) Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn.				(15) ** "Fire Birds" (1990) Nicolas Cage. 'PG-13'		(45) The Prograar			



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Health

Honey is making a strong comeback as a natural antibiotic

Amid growing concern over drug-resistant superbugs and non-healing wounds that endanger diabetes patients, nature's original antibiotic — honey — is making a comeback.

More than 4,000 years after Egyptians began applying honey to wounds, Derma Sciences Inc., a West Windsor, N.J., company that makes medicated and other advanced wound care products, began selling the first honey-based dressing this fall after it was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Called Medihoney, it is made from a highly absorbent seaweed-based material, saturated with manuka honey, a particularly potent type that experts say kills germs and speeds healing. Also called Leptospermum honey, manuka honey comes from hives of bees that collect nectar from manuka and jelly bushes in Australia and New Zealand.

Derma Sciences now sells two Medihoney dressings to hospitals, clinics and doctors in North and South America under a deal with supplier Comvita LP of New Zealand. Derma Sciences hopes to have its dressings in U.S. drugstores in the next six months, followed by adhesive strips.

Comvita, which controls about 75 percent of the world's manuka honey supply, sells similar products under its own name in Australia, New Zealand and Europe, where such products have been popular for more than a decade.

"The reason that Medihoney is so exciting is that antibiotics are becoming ineffective at fighting pathogens," said Derma Sciences



CEO Ed Quilty.

Another big advantage, he said, is that the dressings' germ-fighting and fluid-absorbing effects last up to a week, making them convenient for patients being cared for at outpatient clinics or by visiting nurses. They also reduce inflammation and can eliminate the foul odors of infected wounds.

Honey dressings and gels, as well as tubes of manuka honey, have been gaining in popularity overseas, fueled by scientific reports on their medical benefits and occasional news accounts of the dramatic recovery of a patient with a longtime wound that suddenly healed.

Regular honey can have medicinal benefits. But manuka honey is far more potent, research shows.

Dr. Robert Frykberg, chief of podiatry at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix, said the Medihoney product has worked on about half the patients with diabetic foot ulcers who have used it.

He said the Medihoney dressing can also prevent the dangerous drug-resistant staph infection known as MRSA from infecting open wounds.

"It's been used on wounds where nothing else will work," said bio-

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Derma Sciences' Medihoney wound dressings, above, have been shown to help heal wounds.

Sweet Treatment

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ED QUILTY, DERMA SCIENCES CEO

chemist Peter Molan, a professor at the University of Waikato in New Zealand who has researched honey and other natural antibiotics for 25 years. He's found manuka honey can kill the toughest bacteria even when

diluted 10 times and recommends it especially for people with weak immune systems.

"There's more ... clinical evidence, by far, for honey in wound treatment than for any of the pharmaceutical products" for infection, Molan said.

Kara Couch, a nurse practitioner at Georgetown University Hospital's Center for Wound Healing in Washington, said Medihoney dressings work well for patients who have "wound pain" or infected wounds.

One patient who had an open wound that didn't heal for a few years "healed 90 percent in three weeks," she said.

Dr. Craig Lambrecht, a North Dakota emergency physician, started using Medihoney while serving with the National Guard in Iraq last winter.

At a military clinic for Iraqi children, he used it on patients with severe burns. He said Iraqi families soon preferred the honey over other treatments because it was natural and because the honey dressings don't need to be changed as often as traditional ones.

After seeing its success in Iraq, Lambrecht, who has five children of his own, is a fan. "I would use the Medihoney on burns on my children, as the first choice, without question," he said. LINDA A. JOHNSON (AP)

Cleanup for Dirty Dogs

Pets

Self-service dog washes take stress out of grooming

Maureen Lafferty is anti-fur. Anti-fur in her tub. Anti-fur on her towels. And anti-fur in the drain.

That's why she and the one big ball of fur she does love, Jackson, a Labrador retriever, use the Portland Dog Wash.

"This is why I don't do this at home," Lafferty said, pointing to big clumps of fur at the bottom of the stainless steel basin.

In a country whose residents spare no expense for their pets — or on keeping their homes clean — self-service dog washes represent another splurge, allowing dog owners to forgo the indignity of chasing a wet and soapy dog around the house, or across the lawn, along with the messy cleanup.

The trend kicked off more than a decade ago. Now it seems that



PAT WELLENBACH/AP

Just-cleaned Jackson is dried by his owner at the Portland Dog Wash in Maine.

just about every sizable city has at least one.

In Maine's largest city, the bustling Portland Dog Wash has five tubs, which are disinfected after each wash.

"This setup is much easier than

doing it at home," said Lafferty, who wore a vinyl smock while tending to her 9-year-old dog.

There are more than 70 million dogs in the U.S., and they account for a good chunk of the nearly \$3 billion pet owners spend each

Washing a dog is messy. The dog shakes. Dirty, soapy water splashes on the walls.

year on grooming and boarding, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.

"I don't think it's a trend that's going to go away," said Blair Smith, who has helped to open three Dirty Dog locations in Austin, Texas. "People are not going to stop spending money on their pets."

The idea was borne out of many a pet owner's frustration.

Washing a dog, especially a big one, is messy. The dog shakes. Dirty, soapy water splashes on the walls. Your knees, your back, or both hurt from kneeling next to the bathtub. Then there's the big lump of dog hair in the drain.

That's what was on the minds

of Francisco and Gloria Gamero when they opened their first dog wash 15 years ago in Santa Clarita, Calif. They now have three U-Wash Doggie locations.

In Portland, Mark and Greg Goodwin got the idea after hearing from a friend about a dog wash in the Baltimore area. "We just dove into it," Mark said.

Their business features waist-high tubs with all the accessories nearby — combs, shampoos, perfumes, towels and hair dryers. There are eye and ear wipes, and even dental wipes with a minty scent.

Customers pay from \$8 to \$16 — depending on the size of the dog — to let the Goodwins sweat the details.

Although some might consider it a splurge, it's far less expensive than taking a dog to a professional groomer.

On average, self-service dog washes charge 30 to 50 percent less than a professional groomer, according to Stephen Mart from PetGroomer.com in Yelm, Wash.

Lafferty said she can't imagine any other way of washing her dog and would be at a loss if the Goodwins ever went out of business.

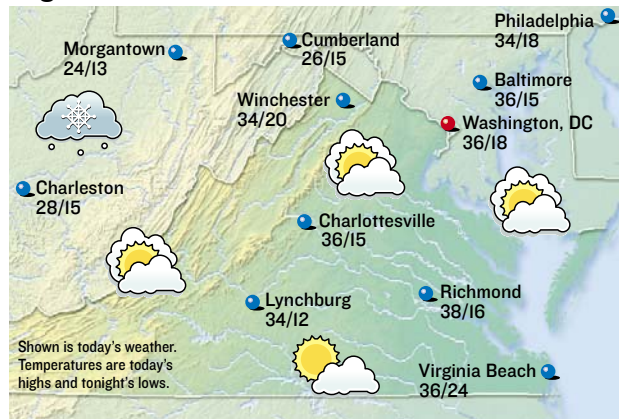
"We'd either find a new place to wash him, or we'd have a really smelly dog. Ultimately, we'd find a new place to wash him," she said.

DAVID SHARP (AP)

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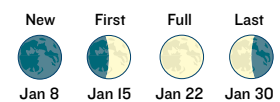
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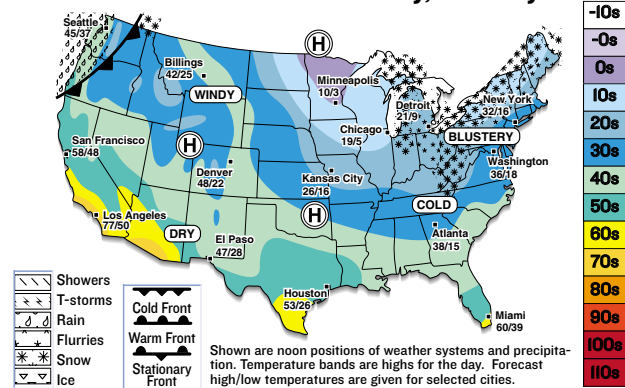
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Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:57 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:15 a.m.
Moonset today	12:33 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, January 2



National Cities

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Atlanta	38/15/s	41/23/s
Boston	30/12/sf	13/8/s
Chicago	19/5/pc	28/19/pc
Dallas	50/27/s	59/40/pc
Denver	48/22/s	53/25/pc
Honolulu	80/70/pc	81/70/pc
Los Angeles	77/50/pc	65/52/r
Miami	60/39/s	65/54/pc
New York City	32/16/pc	25/21/s
Orlando	54/28/s	55/40/s
Seattle	45/37/r	47/38/sh

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	39/28/pc	37/32/pc
Athens	52/37/s	50/39/pc
Berlin	32/25/sf	28/23/pc
Buenos Aires	97/77/pc	95/64/pc
Calgary	40/20/pc	33/21/c
Dublin	46/37/c	41/30/pc
Geneva	41/32/c	41/36/c
Moscow	19/9/sn	14/7/pc
Rome	52/43/pc	50/45/r
Sydney	78/68/s	76/66/s
Tokyo	51/39/s	50/39/pc

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Styles

LOOKout



THEY LIKE MIKE: Michael Kors' new N.Y.C. flagship is packed with accessories. Kors, right, greets Aerin Lauder at the opening.

High & Low

Michael Kors aims luxe-chic at thrifty shoppers

One minute, you might find Michael Kors in the homes of millions around the world as they watch him dole out criticism or praise as one of the regular judges on "Proj-

ect Runway." The next, he's off to South Africa for a safari. And like the designer, that's the Michael Kors brand in a nutshell: accessible, but with a dash of exotic jet-setter.

Which is why the concept for his new store in downtown New York is so fitting — the 1700-square-foot, brightly lit space focuses mostly on Kors' highly successful collections of accessories, ranging from the high-end Michael Kors collection to his popular lower priced lines, KORS Michael Kors and MICHAEL Michael Kors.

Fashion splurges and steals sit side by side, like the \$10,000 Michael Kors collection chinchilla vest that hangs next to a pair of \$89.50 jeans — reiterating the point that it's not price that matters, but how you put it together.

"It's become something of a fashion cliché," said Kors. "Everyone loves to talk about mixing high and low, but the reality is, no one does it. So, we said, 'You know what? We have the opportunity to give that



experience of a crocodile bag next to a pair of flip-flops."

Unlike most pricey — or inexpensive — boutiques, where you usually know what to expect in advance as far as price range goes, with the Michael Kors store's mix-it-up concept, there is the risk of some serious sticker shock if you're not expecting that "embossed" croc handbag to be made of, well, actual crocodile.

"Every once in a while, a teenager turns around a tag on a bag and sees that it's the price of a new car," said Kors. "But, in general, the rules have changed. You have the wealthiest women in the world buying inexpensive things, and you have a teenager who will save up to buy something really nice."

Kors, known for his classic American sportswear, is continually expanding his label. He recently added a line of bedding, which he said has been very successful thus far, and there are plans to expand the home collection even further.

"I'll have to buy a new house so that I can redecorate!" joked Kors.

Will he star in his own television show, after his successful run with hit series "Project Runway?"

"No, no, no! 'Project Runway' — that's it!" he exclaimed.

RENATA ESPINOSA (FWD)

Fashion



Live Hard, Dress Cool

Rocker. Reality TV star. Bat chomper. Professional grump/badass. **OZZY OSBOURNE** has worn many hats (and weird man headbands) over the years. His latest gig? Fashion. Mr. Iron Man designed spooky-cool T-shirts emblazoned with metal head imagery — what seem to be zombie hands grasping a crucifix, a grim reaper — for Affliction's Red Label Premium line. Items from the collection will be available at Nordstrom; the Great Ozz himself will make an appearance at the Tysons Corner Center store Jan. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. Folks who buy one of the pieces get to meet the man himself in a setting far more subdued than the mosh pit at Ozzfest. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Fashion



It's OK to Be Shady

Like classic shades? Ray-Ban is releasing 25,000 pairs of 22-karat gold-plated "Ultra" aviators for \$485 at Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue, quite a jump from the original \$129 tag. For those who don't want museum-quality frames, there are brands with their own styles at a fraction of the price. There's no gold plating or engraved serial number on Roxy's "G&T" glasses, but for \$95 they are sturdy enough, and the little plastic nose guards don't wiggle. Mall stores Aldo and Zara are making excellent versions in a rich gold hue for \$12.99 and \$35, respectively. The best deal? Ray-Ban knockoffs at a gas station for \$5.99. (L.A. TIMES)

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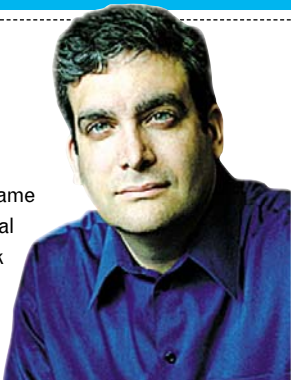

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BOOKS

Stranger Than Fiction

Neil Swidey's "The Assist: Hoops, Hope and the Game of Their Lives" is an intimate portrait of controversial Massachusetts high school basketball coach Jack O'Brien, who has won six state championships and seen 40 of his players play in college. Express contributor Tim Follos spoke with Swidey. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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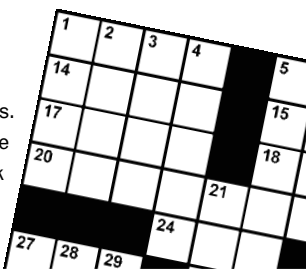
Smokeout

It's easy to forget about the District's year-old indoor smoking ban for bars and restaurants—except, of course, when you walk into a place where the ban doesn't apply and a smelly haze greets you at the door. Express' Michael Grass looks at the effects of the ban. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

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comment board

“I wonder if there are any other decisions Angela Bradbery would like make for us, in the hopes that we'll be happier with those decisions over time.”

COMMENTER AUA, REFERRING TO THE CO-FOUNDER OF SMOKEFREEDC, ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF D.C.'S SMOKING BAN.

“It isn't unrealistic to believe the Redskins can make it all the way to the Super Bowl. Some people will believe absolutely anything.”

COMMENTER ZORA HOPKINS, WHO ADDED, "THERE ARE STILL SOME PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT BUSH AND CHENEY SHOULD NOT BE IMPEACHED."



“The battle isn't always to the strong, nor the race to the swift—but that's the way to bet. The Redskins may get to the Super Bowl, but don't bet on it.”

COMMENTER BRAD2, RESPONDING TO MONDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "IS IT UNREALISTIC TO BELIEVE THE REDSKINS CAN MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPER BOWL?"

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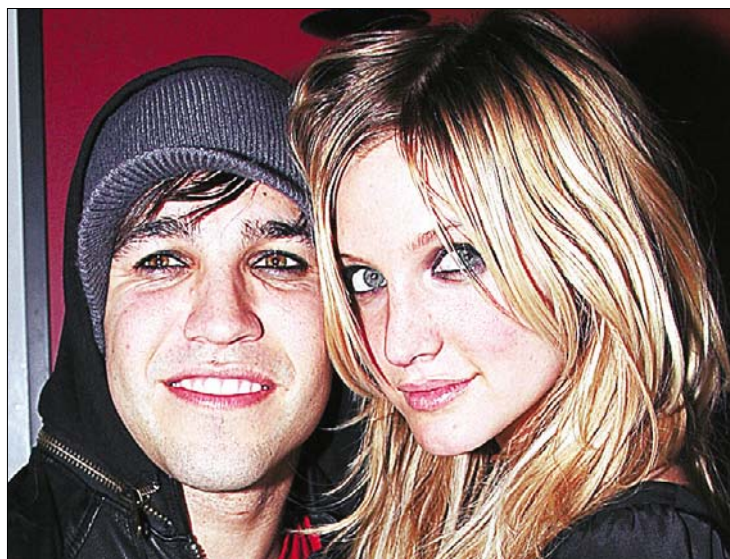
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Blog LOG

"I have successfully lived vicariously through photo albums being posted on Facebook before. Today, I did it again, and that's just fine."

SUBWAYSTATE.COM SEEMINGLY DOES NOT REGRET PASSING ON A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, BUT ADDED, "THE BEST TIMES ARE NEVER PHOTOGRAPHED ANYWAY."



BRYAN BEDDER/GETTY IMAGES

“These two have about as much passion as a plate of Velveeta and Vienna sausages. I take that back: Vienna sausages are pretty sexy.”

DLISTED.COM DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE PAPARAZZI'S FASCINATION WITH SINGERS PETE WENTZ AND ASHLEE SIMPSON, WHO HOSTED A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN MIAMI.



“TWO AND A HALF more months of winter, with the accompanying lower temperatures and higher snow amounts. All without the festiveness of the holiday season.”

HOT3B.BLOGSPOT.COM CONSIDERS OUT-DOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING ONE OF THE FEW REDEEMING QUALITIES OF WINTER.

“A GOOD FRIEND of mine always says that whatever you're doing during the rollover from the old year to the new is what you'll be doing all year. So, this year, I attended a mid-night yoga session.”

BLUECOYOTELAUGHING.TYPEPAD.COM HAS DECIDED TO TAKE UP YOGA AS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

“IS IT REALLY AGAINST some kind of American law to suggest that Dick Clark retire and pass the torch officially to Ryan Seacrest? I'm just saying.”

CREOLEINDC.TYPEPAD.COM WOULD RATHER SEE RYAN SEACREST HOST "NEW YEAR'S ROCKIN' EVE" ON ABC, CONSIDERING THE 79-YEAR-OLD TV LEGEND'S HEALTH AFTER A STROKE IN LATE 2004.

Discussions

Teen Pregnancy

BILL ALBERT, deputy director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy—a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization—was online Friday to discuss teen pregnancy and prevention.

Do you think that Britney Spears' sister's teen pregnancy sounds the death knell for abstinence-only education in public schools?

There does seem to be a real shift going on regarding abstinence-only education. It seems unlikely to me that 36 states will soon fol-

low the lead of the 14, but, undoubtedly, more will be saying "thanks, but no, thanks" to the abstinence money. I think it has little to do with Jamie Lynn Spears' pregnancy and much more to do with the fact that, at present, we simply have no compelling evidence to suggest that abstinence-only interventions are effective.

I agree it should not be the ONLY option, why do we, as adults, take this stance that "Well, they're just going to do it anyway ... may as well give them condoms." I mean, come on! We're the parents!

We believe that abstinence is the first and best choice for teens, particularly young teens. How-

ever, encouraging young people to delay should be coupled with information about contraception and strong encouragement to use it if sexually active. I have yet to find a teen who finds this a confusing or mixed message.

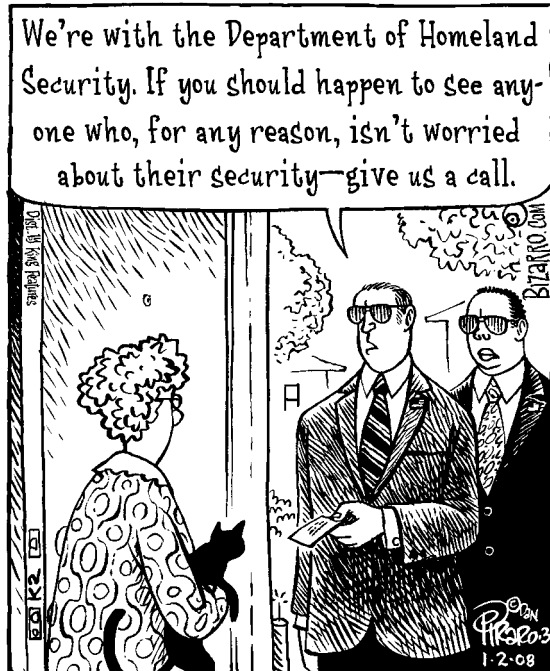
Any idea how U.S. teen pregnancy rates compare to the rates in other developed countries?

U.S. rates of teen pregnancy and birth are about twice as high as those in Great Britain, our closest competitor.

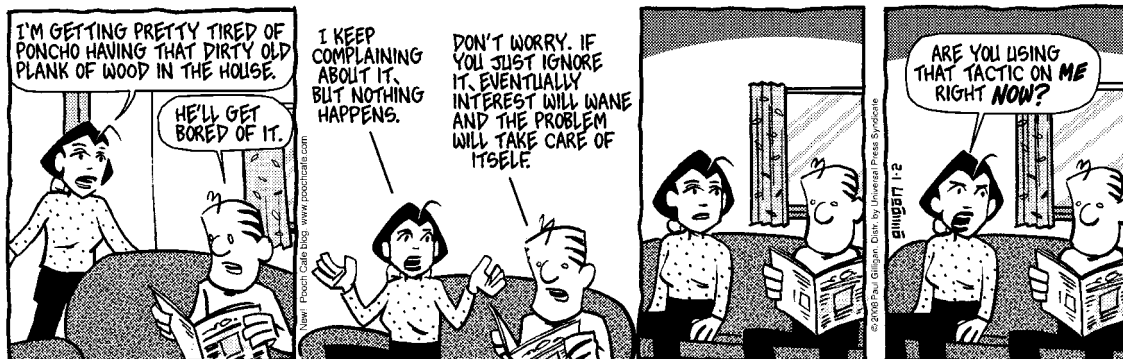
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: There will be no discussions during the holidays. They will resume Jan. 2. Check out the best chats of 2007 at washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DO

CHECK YOUR LOTTERY TICKETS. STERLING RESIDENTS. Lottery officials announced Monday that one of the winning tickets for Virginia's Millionaire Raffle game was sold in Sterling. Officials say the raffle offers the best odds ever of winning a million dollars from the Virginia Lottery — I in

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What Bob thinks outside the box.

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It takes more than organization to succeed. Apply common sense to all problems at this time, and you can solve each in turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's important that you have some sympathy for those who are not as fortunate as you are—or as you have been. Lend a hand when you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Success is likely to prove a far simpler proposition than you had first thought. Stick to the game plan, and try to stay on schedule.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) That which you do strictly on impulse is sure to be a truer expression of the real you than anything you may have planned ahead of time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What begins as a benign disagreement must stay that way; you mustn't allow yourself to add fuel to a fire that could become dangerous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may fall victim to your own presuppositions—unless you are willing to let someone else show you what is or is not fact or fiction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It may be difficult for you to get things straight in time to make a key decision, but with the help of a friend, you should have all in order.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What goes around comes around—or so they say. You may come to understand a little more intimately just what the adage really means.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can derive a great deal of personal satisfaction out of going about your business in the most straightforward, quiet manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're in the mood for a good deal more attention than you've been getting lately. It's time for a heart-to-heart talk with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your enthusiasm is contagious. The excitement you bring to even the most routine affairs will inspire others to do better work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Empty compliments are best left to others; when you engage in conversation, you're going to want some firm information.



Betty Ford is escorted from the state funeral for former president Ford last year.

Today in History

1788 Georgia becomes the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1929 The United States and Canada reach an agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

1960 Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announces his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1965 The New York Jets sign University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath to a contract reportedly worth \$427,000.

2006 A methane gas explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia claims the lives of 12 miners. One miner is rescued.

2007 The state funeral for former president Ford begins with an elaborate service at Washington National Cathedral, then moves to Grand Rapids, Mich.

LOOK out

People



CHRIS WEEKS/AP

Tale as old as time, beauty and the beast.

SPLITS

Penn Plans Raw, Gritty, Critically Acclaimed Divorce

ROBIN WRIGHT PENN has filed for divorce from **SEAN PENN** after 11 years of marriage, citing irreconcilable differences. The couple, who live in northern California, are seeking joint custody of their two teenage children. The pair met while Sean Penn was filming the 1990 Irish mob movie "State of Grace." (AP)

GUESTS

Meaningless Stream Of Words Distracts Viewers

ROBIN WILLIAMS will be **DAVID LETTERMAN**'s first guest upon the return of his "Late Show" Wednesday. The appearance of the A-listener may be Letterman's way of drawing a distinction between his show and his rivals', who are without writers and may also have trouble booking major entertainers as guests. (AP)



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FAMOUS WEST VIRGINIANS

Very Few Choices

JENNIFER GARNER has been honored as the 2007 West Virginian of the Year by her hometown newspaper. Charleston's Sunday Gazette-Mail says it chose Garner for her dedication, hard work and service as an ambassador and role model for West Virginia. Garner is actually a Texas transplant, but moved to the Mountain State as a 4-year-old. (AP)

MONEY

Just Like 'Bleak House,' But It's Set in the South

Five of **JAMES BROWN**'s children say their late father's will should be invalidated because his former advisers used undue influence to get him to create charitable trusts that the advisers would profit from. The children were largely left out of the financial portion of the will, which leaves the bulk of Brown's money to trusts set



up to educate his grandchildren and needy children. Attorney Louis Levenson said the children discovered earlier wills that cast doubt on whether he truly wanted to leave his estate to charity. "There was sporadic indication that Mr. Brown intended to benefit some charities, but the circumstances surrounding the making of these documents have always been clouded in mystery," Levenson said. (AP)



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ENGAGEMENTS

Minor News Item Escapes Black Hole of the Holidays

ROSELYN SANCHEZ and actor Eric Winter got engaged during a holiday vacation on the island of Vieques, just off mainland Puerto Rico. The couple, who have been dating for two years, will talk about a date and location for their nuptials once they return to Los Angeles. Sanchez appears in the CBS series "Without a Trace." Winter has appeared on various TV shows, including "Days of Our Lives." (AP)

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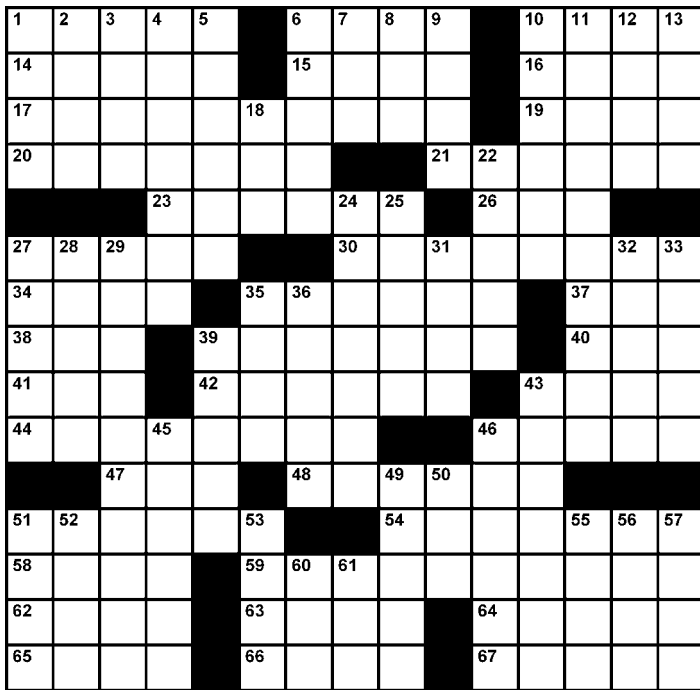
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ACROSS

- 1 Drags, of a sort
- 6 Picked-up items
- 10 "I'd hate to break up ____"
- 14 Has ____ for (is skilled at)
- 15 Big globe section
- 16 Door section
- 17 Look but don't buy
- 19 Some GIs
- 20 Noted children's hospital
- 21 Braces for impact
- 23 Fixes the lawn, in a way
- 26 "Yeah right!"
- 27 Nursery items
- 30 Non-winners
- 34 Evil old women
- 35 Like a game lost on purpose
- 37 Fish spawn
- 38 Unit of energy
- 39 Student's tote
- 40 Word with "office" or "seat"
- 41 Mo. celebrating black history
- 42 Mariners' div.
- 43 Volcano shape
- 44 Bridge supports
- 46 Gives a darn
- 47 Mount ____, active Philippine volcano
- 48 Dazed condition
- 51 Film on the Statue of Liberty?
- 54 Was enraged
- 58 Where one's goose is cooked?
- 59 Emulate a clown or comic

DOWN

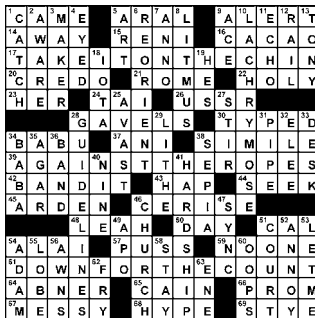
- 1 Fancy shooters
- 2 News item for a scrapbook
- 3 ____-Ration (dog food)
- 4 Survives
- 5 Emulates a fire man?
- 6 "Jerusalem Delivered" poet
- 7 Blond shade
- 8 Part of a speaker's intro, often
- 9 Pine oozings
- 10 Materialize
- 11 Refuge
- 12 Letter add-on (Abbr.)
- 13 "A Pure Woman" of an 1891 novel
- 18 NBA legend
- 22 Unsold
- 24 Bikini alternative
- 25 Least lit
- 27 No neatniks
- 28 Cause of merchandise shrinkage
- 29 Less common
- 31 They might whip something up in the kitchen
- 32 Powerful blow



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- 32 Not a soul
- 33 Male and female
- 35 Travel expense, sometimes
- 36 Elias and Gordie
- 39 Conductor's wand
- 43 Pluto might appear in one
- 45 Upright piano
- 46 Strong-arm
- 49 Kind of manual
- 50 Kind of coat or shooter
- 51 Ceremonial
- splendor
- 52 Bird, in Old Rome
- 53 Allowing a peek
- 55 Event for a foxhound
- 56 Many an MIT grad
- 57 Make-or-break event
- 60 Fertilization sites
- 61 A flat, e.g.

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6	2	4	9	1	5	8	7	3
3	1	2	7	4	9	6	8	5
8	7	5	3	2	6	1	9	4
9	4	6	5	8	1	3	2	7
4	5	8	1	3	7	2	6	9
7	9	1	6	5	2	4	3	8
2	6	3	4	9	8	7	5	1

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	8			7			4	
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